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SUBJECT: FSLN MEMBERS ARRESTED IN COSTA RICA

REF: MANAGUA 3810

1. SEPTEMBER 20 EDITION OF LA PRENSA CARRIES STORY CONCERNING THREE NICARAGUAN CITIZENS WITHOUT DOCUMENTATION ARRESTED SEPTEMBER 19 BY COSTA RICAN BORDER GUARDS WHO ARE PRESUMED TO BE MEMBERS OF FRENTE SANDINISTA DE LIBERACION NACIONAL (FSLN). LA PRENSA APPARENTLY PICKED THE STORY UP FROM THE COSTA RICAN RADIO STATION LA MONUMENTAL. THE THREE PRISONERS HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN TRANSFERRED TO SAN JOSE. ONE OF THE THREE IS REPORTED TO HAVE CARRIED AN IDENTITY CARD ISSUED IN NORTH VIETNAM.

2. THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO QUOTE ANOTHER SOURCE TO THE EFFECT THAT SEVERAL BAGS OF AMMUNITION CAPTURED ON THE COSTA RICAN-NICARAGUAN BORDER BY THE AUTHORITIES WERE BEING SHIPPED TO

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SAN JOSE. A COSTA RICAN POLICE SOURCE IS QUOTED AS SAYING

SECURITY ON THE BORDER HAS BEEN STEPPED UP TO PREVENT THE USE
OF COSTA RICA TERRITORY BY FOREIGNERS FOR AGGRESSIVE PURPOSES.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THE SEPTEMBER 18 ENCOUNTERS OF FSLN
WITH NATIONAL GUARD (SEE REFERENCE), EMBASSY WILL BE INTERESTED
IN ANY INFORMATION SAN JOSE CAN PROVIDE ON THESE TWO DEVELOP-
MENTS. THERE HAVE BEEN FREQUENT RUMORS THAT THE FSLN HAS FOR
SOME MONTHS MAINTAINED A TRAINING BASE IN COSTA RICA.
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